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Application of: Curtiss et al.

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WITH ENVIRONMENTALLY LIMITED
VIABILITY

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of non-compliant amendment dated July 26, 2007 and the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006 in the above-identified patent application.

On May 14, 2007 Applicants filed an amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111. On July 26, 2007 Applicants received a subsequent Office communication noting that Applicants' amendment failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 because Claim 61 contained text that was both underlined and lined through. However, because the defective amendment appeared to be a *bona fide* attempt to respond, Applicants were given thirty days to submit a corrected amendment in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Applicants have removed the underlining of the text "asd" from Claim 61 and Applicants submit a corrected amendment section herewith for consideration.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.111, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks intended to put this application in condition for allowance. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

A corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 8.